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Renovation of Bridges in Prilaspur Zone
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are seven small and big age old bridges in Bilaspur Zone on Mumbai-Howrah railway line from Raipur to Durg and these bridges are identified as accident prone areas in the railway security guidelines;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to renew these bridges and if so, by when and if not, the reason therefor;

(c) whether there are any national guidelines fixed for the maintenance of the old structure and if so, the details thereof and the action taken on these sites in this regard; and

(d) the number of accidents occurred on Raipur-Durg railway line during the last five years and the steps taken by the railways to check such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There are 98 Railway Bridges of varying ages in Raipur-Durg section of South East Central Railway (SECR). The condition of these bridges is satisfactory and the bridges are safe to permit train movement over them.

(c): There is a well established system of inspection of Railway Bridges on Indian Railways. All the bridges are inspected twice a year, once before the onset of monsoon and once after the monsoon. In addition, depending upon the condition of the bridges, certain bridges are inspected more frequently. Repair/ strengthening/ rehabilitation/ rebuilding of the bridges is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during these inspections. During last five years (2011-12 to 2015-16), 3846 bridges have been repaired/rehabilitated/strengthened/rebuilt on Indian Railways.

(d): During last five years (2011-12 to 2015-16) and up to 31.10.2016 during current year, one consequential train accident (derailment) took place in Raipur-Durg section. There has been no train accident in this section in the said period on account of bridges. The Railway assets are regularly inspected and maintained based on their condition as well as the laid down codal provisions, to avoid accidents.
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